

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (amended)

Claim 2 (original)

Claim 3 (original)

Claim 4 (cancelled)

Claim 5 (original)

Claim 6 (original)

Claims 7-9 (cancelled)

Claim 10 (original)

Claim 11 (cancelled)

Claim 12 (cancelled)

Claims 13-15 (original)

Claim 16 (cancelled)

Claim 17 (original)

Claim 18 (currently amended). An accessory for reducing the kick experienced by the shooter when a firearm is discharged:

said accessory comprising a plate and a resiliently compressible, kick-reducing pad;

said pad having a cavity with an opening onto one face of the pad; and

said plate being so disposed in face-to-face relationship with the pad as to close said opening and form a sealed pocket that can collapse to elastically compress air filling the pocket when the firearm is discharged, thus additionally, pneumatically cushioning the kick felt by the shooter upon the discharge of the firearm.

Claim 19 (amended)

Claim 20 (cancelled)

Claim 21 (cancelled)

Claim 22 (amended)

Claim 23 (amended)

Claim 24 (currently amended). An accessory as defined in claim 18:  
which comprises a vibration decay pattern modifier;  
said modifier having a mushroom-like configuration defined by a stem and  
an integral head; and  
~~said stem being fixed to said plate; and~~  
said head being disposed in the cavity in the resiliently compressible pad.

Claim 25 (amended)

Claims 26-29 (cancelled)

Claims 30-32 (amended)

Claim 33 (cancelled)

Claim 34 (cancelled)

Claim 35 (previously presented)

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Claim 36 (11 rewritten, currently amended). An accessory for reducing the kick felt by a shooter when a firearm is discharged, said accessory comprising:

- a pad, a rigid plate, and a vibration decay pattern modifier;
- said pad and said decay pattern modifier both being fabricated from an organic, elastomeric material;
- said pad having therein an aperture opening onto a face of the pad;
- said plate being assembled in face-to-face relationship with the face of the pad onto which the aperture in the pad opens; and
- the decay pattern modifier having an element plate which is disposed in the aperture in the elastomeric pad; and
- the pad aperture in which the element of the vibration decay pattern modifier is disposed being so sealed that said pad provides pneumatic cushioning when the firearm is discharged.

Claim 37 (currently amended). An accessory for reducing the kick felt by a shooter when a firearm is discharged, said accessory comprising:

- a pad, a rigid plate, and a vibration decay pattern modifier;
- said pad and said decay pattern modifier both being fabricated from an organic, elastomeric material;
- said pad having therein an aperture opening onto a face of the pad;
- said plate being assembled in face-to-face relationship with the face of the pad onto which the aperture in the pad opens;

the decay pattern modifier having an element which is disposed in the aperture in the elastomeric pad; and

there being at least one additional cavity in the elastomeric pad which reduces the thickness of the pad material and thereby ~~contribute~~ contributes to the compressibility of the pad.

Claim 39 38 (currently amended). An accessory for reducing the kick felt by a shooter when a firearm is discharged, said accessory comprising:

a generally rigid plate;

an elastomeric pad fixed in face-to-face relationship to said plate; and

a component for modifying the decay pattern of vibrations set up in the accessory when the firearm is discharged;

said decay pattern modifying component having a head and an integral stem;

said stem being attached to said plate;

there being a cavity in said elastomeric pad; and

the head of the decay pattern modifying component being disposed in said cavity.

Claim 39 (new). The combination of:

an accessory as defined in claim 1:

a firearm which has a stock;

threaded fasteners for: (a) maintaining the elastomeric pad and the plate of the accessory in assembled relationship, and (b) mounting the accessory to the stock of a firearm; and

a rigid mounting plate;  
said mounting plate being embedded in said pad and providing a  
mechanism for supporting the threaded fasteners.